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Saigon Court Bids Two Deputies Appear

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Feb. 10 (Reuters)—A military court has ordered two members of the lower house to face questioning on alleged pro-Communist activities.

The wives of the two legislators, Tran Ngac Chau and Hoang Ho, said summonses were delivered to their homes yesterday by military policemen.

The two women said neither of their husbands had been at home for some time and their whereabouts were not known.

Mrs. Chua told reporters that her husband, a 46-year-old member who represents Kienhoa Province in the Mekong Delta, was "now staying in a quiet place writing his memoirs."

A petition signed by 102 members of the House of Representatives was ent to President Nguyen Van Thieu last week asking the Government to take action against the two men under the country's anti-Communist laws.

Under the Constitution 102 votes—a three-quarters majority—are required to strip deputies of legislative immunity.

Mr. Chau has admitted that he met eight times with his brother, Tran Ngoc Hien, a North Vietnamese intelligence agent, before the latter's arrest. Mr. Hien was sentenced last July to 20 years at hard labor for spying.

In an interview with reporters last week, Mr. Chau said he had kept the United States Embassy and the Central Intelligence Agency informed of his meetings with his brother. He accused the Americans of letting him down in not backing him against President Thieu's accusations.

Senator J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has accused President Thieu of persecuting Mr. Chau because the deputy had criticized Nguyen Cao Thang, a Saigon pharmacist who is a member of the President's inner circle, and because of Mr. Chau's growing power as an opposition leader.

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